

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 remain in this application, where claims 1, 8, 10 and 15 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-17 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A'. Such amendments to 1-17 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 8 and 15 contain patentable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, claims 8 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form without

including certain features that are believed to be not necessary for patentability. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 8 and 15 be allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,876,345 (Akimoto). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-17 are patentable over Akimoto for at least the following reasons.

Akimoto is directed to an image display capable of multilevel display and having a minimal pixel-to-pixel display characteristic variation.

It is respectfully submitted that Akimoto does not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 10 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

the linear operating region of the drive transistor is avoided.

This feature is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Akimoto. Akimoto is completely silent about any operating, or not operating, transistors in any particular regions, let alone disclosing or


suggesting avoiding the linear operating region of the drive transistor.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 10 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully requested that claims 2-7, 9, 11-14 and 16-17 also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 10 as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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